

# MONTAGUE BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING

Special Meeting Wednesday, October 29, 2018 – 6:30 pm

Montague Town Hall

Second Floor Health Director's Office

Turners Falls, MA

## Meeting Minutes

**Present:** Christopher Boutwell and Michael Nelson

**Absent:** Al Cummings, Chair

**Staff:** Gina McNeely

Meeting being recorded

Michael Nelson opened the meeting.

### **Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) request pursuant to 310 CMR 15.000 for 271 Federal St, Montague, MA Assessor's Map 40 Lot 61:**

- Gina McNeely informed the board members that there was a failed Title 5 inspection at 271 Federal Street and the property sold before site work could be done to prepare a new septic system design for the house.

The house closing is scheduled for mid November and the owners are anxious to get the new system in before the weather turns bad and the transfer of the property occurs which prompted this special meeting.

The request is for the reduction in separation to groundwater from the required 4 feet to 3 feet due to the estimated seasonal high water table at the location. The current Title 5 literature states that properly treated septic tank effluent gets cleaned in 2 feet of soil; Massachusetts Title 5 is more conservative than several other state and the law does allow an LUA to three feet. Gina stated that when the perc was done it was slow at 19 minutes per inch so she feels comfortable with the request.

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to approve the Local Upgrade Approval (LUA) request pursuant to 310 CMR 15.000 for 271 Federal St, Montague, MA Assessor's Map 40 Lot 61 for the reduction of separation to groundwater from the required 4 feet to 3 feet. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

*Christopher Boutwell **motioned** to adjourn the Montague Board of Health meeting at 6:46 PM. Seconded by Michael Nelson. **Motion passes.***

Meeting adjourned: 6:46 PM

Approved by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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**List of documents used at this meeting:**

- 271 Federal Street File